

Amendments to the specification:

[0029] FIG. 2 illustrates a baby 104 positioned in a desired location on the baby support system. This illustration shows that the baby 104 is positioned on top of the support pad 102. The portion of the support pad 102 located near the baby's shoulders is wider than the width of the baby's shoulders as indicated by a . Additionally the support pad 102 is longer than the baby's head and trunk as indicated by μ . When the baby 104 is laid on the support pad 102 the baby's weight causes the support pad 102 to conform to the adjacent contour of the baby's body, thereby providing support for those adjacent portions of the baby 104. In particular, the support pad 102 provides support under the baby's head and back.

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[0033] FIG. 3 shows a perspective view of a baby 104 on the support pad 102 of the baby support system. When the baby 104 is laid on the support pad 102, the support pad 102 at least partially conforms to the contour of the baby's body due to the weight of the baby 104. In particular the support pad 102 provides support under the baby's head 105, and the baby's back 106. This supporting function alleviates the concern of the person holding the baby 104 as to whether they are providing adequate support for the baby 104. The baby 104 can be held or carried with the support system providing adequate support at all times and the person holding the baby 104 can feel more confident and relaxed about whether they are holding the baby 104 correctly.

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